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THOUGH it is a general obſervation, that the actions of mankind commonly begin and end in SELF, yet to any impartial perſon who reads over with attention the advertiſements in our public papers, it will appear that there are inſtances of public-ſpiritedneſs in the preſent times, that put to ſhame every record that can be produced in favour of times paſt: and though I am ſorry to ſay that theſe inſtances are confined to one particular profeſſion of men, yet the benefits that accrue from them are general and univerſal. Not to keep my readers in ſuſpence, the public-ſpirited gentlemen I mean, are the *gentlemen of the faculty*, or as they more modeſtly call themſelves, *the practitioners in phyſic*. The diſintereſted zeal with which theſe gentlemen devote their labours to the good of mankind, ought, I confeſs, to be celebrated by much abler pens than mine; and

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happy indeed is it that they themſelves ſeem to think ſo; and have therefore done that juſtice to their own merits, which their warmeſt advocates muſt have deſpaired of doing for them.

THE moſt illuſtrious doctor DE CORTESE, phyſician of the moſt ſerene republic of Venice, has abandoned his native country and friends, and with the no leſs illuſtrious doctor TOSCANO, his colleague, has generouſly taken up his reſidence in this metropolis, where diſeaſes and death fly before him.

A PHYSICIAN of our own nation challenges the regard of his countrymen, by politely and elegantly ſetting forth in the daily papers, that, "As nothing is "more repugnant to humanity than denying relief to "a fellow-creature in miſery, applauſe ſurely is moſt "due to thoſe who by long ſtudy and great application "have extracted a medicine from the vegetable and "mineral creation that infallibly cures &c."

The truly diſintereſted proprietor of *the Old Iron Pear-tree Water and its Salts*, condeſcends to do himſelf the juſtice to acknowledge his great benevolence to mankind, by prefacing his addreſs to the public in the following words, "That the UNHAPPY may know "where to apply for relief, is the full end of this ad-"vertiſement."

THE *gentleman of much experience in phyſic*, who has diſcovered the celebrated LOTION or waſh that makes every body beautiful, tells us "*That for the* CONVENIEN-"CY *of perſons of diſtinction, and the* GENERAL GOOD *of* "*mankind*, it is ſold at Mr. Foy's china-ſhop, oppoſite "St. James's palace."

WHO is there that can read, that does not look with admiration and aſtoniſhment on the diſintereſted benevolence of theſe truly great perſons? But when we conſider a ſtill greater inſtance of public-ſpiritedneſs; when we

we think of that juſtly celebrated great man and phyſician, the incomparable doctor TAYLOR; who not ſatisfied with reſtoring the invaluable bleſſing of ſight to every individual of his blind countrymen, pays his charitable viſits to every part of Europe, dealing light and comfort to all nations; where ſhall we find words to expreſs the ideas we are filled with? It is with great pleaſure that I embrace this opportunity of congratulating his holineſs the Pope and their eminences the Cardinals, on the arrival of that illuſtrious perſon at Rome, of which the Daily Advertiſer thus particularly informs us.

" ROME, December the 27th. The CHEVALIER " TAYLOR, celebrated medicine-oculiſt to their imperial " majeſties, to the kings of Great Britain, Poland, Swe- " den, Denmark, and to all the ſovereign princes in " Europe, arrived a few weeks ſince in this capital from " Muſcovy; and the morning after his arrival was pre- " ſented to his holineſs. From the reputation he has " acquired here by the ſucceſs he had with the prin- " ceſſes of Ruſpuly, Juſtinana, and with many other " illuſtrious perſonages, together with a number extraor- " dinary of the ſubjects of this country, the Pope has " not only been pleaſed to grant him three different au- " diences, but has declared him, by patent, medicine- " oculiſt to his perſon and court: and to give him yet a " greater mark of his favour, has cauſed him to be made " Chevalier of his court, to be received as a member " of the Roman ſenate, and a fellow of the Roman " univerſity. The patents of theſe dignities, together " with all the others he has received from the courts " and univerſities abroad are in the hands of his ſon in " London. By a liſt it appears, that the CHEVALIER " is now phyſician-oculiſt (by patent) to ſix crown- " ed heads; to near twenty ſovereign princes; member

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" of almoſt all the univerſities, academies and ſocieties " of the learned in Europe; that he is the author of " twenty-four different works that he has wrote him- " ſelf in different languages, three of which are pub- " liſhed in Italian: and, to complete all, he was re- " ceived as a member of the univerſity of Padua, by or- " der of the ſenate of Venice, with diſtinct approbation " from the famous profeſſor Morgany. And this crown- " ed by the dignities he has received from the court and " ſenate of Rome. The CHEVALIER will direct his courſe " through Italy, where he will end his tour through " all Europe."

I HAVE tranſcribed the whole of this advertiſement (which poſſibly may not appear to be quite as accurately worded as if drawn up by the doctor himſelf) becauſe I am deſirous of reſcuing from a periſhable news-paper the authentic records of the dignities and honours of the CHEVALIER TAYLOR. I cannot conceal from my readers that I have one melancholy thought upon this occaſion; it is, that as moſt of theſe high honours have been conferred upon the CHEVALIER by roman-catholic princes, and particularly by his holineſs the Pope, it is greatly to be feared that from a principle of gratitude the CHEVALIER may poſſibly have made them a compliment of his proteſtant faith. If my apprehenſions of this event are groundleſs, how ought we to rejoice that ſuch diſtinguiſhed titles are beſtowed, even by the enemies of our religion, upon one of our own countrymen!

INDEED as the principal bleſſing of life is health, it is no wonder that princes and great men are ſo ready to reward with honours all thoſe who are the inſurers of it: and it is with no ſmall ſatisfaction that I ſee thoſe eminent phyſicians, doctor ROCK, doctor WEST, together with a long *et cetera* of doctors, who content themſelves with

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publiſhing their merits without their names, offering their ſeveral ſpecifics to the public under a patent from the crown.

But it is the diſintereſted ſpirit of theſe great perſons, and not their honours that I am at preſent celebrating: and I take ſhame to myſelf, that as an author, and conſequently a phyſician of the mind, I have been leſs careful in ſetting forth either the excellency of my labours, or in extending them as I ought to have done to all ſorts of people. I had never conſidered till very lately that the paper of the World, though it coſt no more than two-pence, and is publiſhed but once a week, yet when continued to a hundred thouſand numbers, or perhaps to the end of time (for I have taken care that the ſecret of writing it ſhall not die with me) muſt be too heavy a tax on the generations of the poor. From a due conſideration of this weighty affair, and influenced thereto by the noble and diſintereſted ſpirit of my brethren the doctors, I have directed my good friend Mr. Dodſley to bind up in three neat pocket volumes the aggregate of theſe my labours for the years one thouſand ſeven hundred fifty three, and one thouſand ſeven hundred fifty four; and to diſtribute the ſaid volumes among all the bookſellers of this great metropolis, to be ſold by them to-morrow and forever at ſo ſmall a price as three ſhillings a volume. And I have the pleaſure of declaring, with equal truth with the proprietor of the Old Iron Pear-tree Water and it's Salts, *that to relieve the* UNHAPPY *is the full end of this publication.*

For the great utility of theſe incomparable volumes, I might refer the reader to the praiſes I have almoſt every where beſtowed upon them in the volumes themſelves, though, I confeſs, not altogether in ſo ample a manner as their merits required. I might alſo have preſented him with a liſt of atteſtations ſent me under the hands and ſeals of moſt of the principal nobility of theſe kingdoms, ſetting forth their marvellous effects on their morals and underſtandings: but as theſe

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